

RECOUNTS – General Election

660:1 Application. – Any candidate for whom a vote was cast for any office at a state general election may apply for a recount, provided that the difference between the votes cast for the applying candidate and a candidate declared elected is less than 20 percent of the total votes cast in the towns which comprise the office to be recounted. The application shall be made in writing to the secretary of state and shall be submitted no later than Monday, November 14th at 5:00 p.m. Each candidate requesting a recount shall pay the secretary of state fees as provided in RSA 660:2.

660:2 Fees. –

I. If the difference between the vote cast for the applying candidate and a candidate declared elected shall be less than one percent of the total votes cast in the towns which comprise the office to be recounted, the following fees shall apply:

- (a) Candidate for president, United States senator or governor, \$500.
- (b) Candidate for United States representative, \$250.
- (c) Candidate for executive councilor, \$100.
- (d) Candidate for state senator or county officer, \$50.
- (e) Candidate for state representative, \$10.

II. If the difference between the vote cast for the applying candidate and a candidate declared elected shall be between one percent and 2 percent of the total votes cast in the towns which comprise the office to be recounted, the following fees shall apply:

- (a) Candidate for president, United States senator or governor, \$1,000.
- (b) Candidate for United States representative, \$500.
- (c) Candidate for executive councilor, \$200.
- (d) Candidate for state senator or county officer, \$100.
- (e) Candidate for state representative, \$20.

III. If the difference between the vote cast for the applying candidate and a candidate declared elected shall be between 2 percent and 3 percent of the total votes cast in the towns which comprise the office to be recounted, the following fees shall apply:

- (a) Candidate for president, United States senator or governor, \$2,000.
- (b) Candidate for United States representative, \$1,000.
- (c) Candidate for executive councilor, \$400.
- (d) Candidate for state senator or county officer, \$200.
- (e) Candidate for state representative, \$40.

IV. If the difference between the vote cast for the applying candidate and a candidate declared elected shall be greater than 3 percent of the total votes cast in the towns which comprise the office to be recounted, the candidate shall pay the fees as provided in RSA 660:2, III and shall agree in writing with the secretary of state to pay any additional costs of the recount. The secretary of state may require that the applying candidate pay the estimated additional costs of the recount prior to commencing the recount.